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Chief, Contact Division

15 June 1961

MEMO : Support Branch

Chief, Miami Field Office

MEMORANDUM OF VISIT TO: Evelio Duque
(No address available)

1. On 5 June 1961 at the request of WHD, Q Maurice Runaker of the Miami Field Office acted as an interpreter in a debriefing interview with Evelio Duque, an Escambray resistance leader. Duque, an assistant, and an underground worker were brought to the US in a fishing launch. They arrived in Key West and were brought to Miami by the US Border Patrol. The interview was held in Border Patrol offices. Others present were Walter Koch of WHD and William McClair of Security.

2. The purpose of the interview was to secure some information in order to begin establishing whether or not the Subject was Evelio Duque as he claimed. The Subject did not provide detailed accurate information. He talked in generalities, and he was loathe to provide names. The interview lasted about two hours and little real information was gained.

3. Subject and his group were returned to the custody of Border Patrol officials who released them to secure lodging for the night. Subject said he had US \$200. It was suggested to Subject that the group go to a nearby motel rather than a downtown hotel. It was also suggested that the group not go shopping in Miami for new clothes.

4. It was later ascertained that the group contacted one FPU Garcia, a former Cuban Intelligence Service officer under Machado, who now resides in Miami. The group apparently spent the night at Garcia's house. The following morning all members of the group had new clothing.

5. I returned to Border Patrol at 0930 hours on 6 Jun 61. The members of the group were photographed and filled out PRQ statements. Koch and a Mr. Hewett were present. It was evident that my services as an interpreter-debriefer were not needed. I gave Koch a copy of the notes I had made the previous day and left.

6. Subject appears to be a poorly educated middle class or lower class person. He is 34 years old, strong and muscular. He is about 5' 6" or 7" and would weigh about 175-180 pounds. He has a deep scar on his chin, and the ends of his fingers on both hands turned up sharply at the first joint as if they had been broken at some time and had not healed properly.

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7. I cannot evaluate Subject's claim to be Evelio Duque. By his own statement he knows there are Cubans in Miami who can identify him. It therefore appears probable that Subject is Evelio Duque.

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